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Dear Sir or Madame:

I am writing out of concern for policies vis-a-vis drug testing in the work place and more specifically for the manner in which specimens are procured. Unbeknownst to many in the regulatory agencies and sadly even more so, there exist a disorder which hinders an individual from performing a urine test in the presence of others. Little is known about this disorder and it keeps individuals from retaining their jobs even though this same individual would welcome blood testing as an alternative.

I have suffered from this disease all my life, and faced with having to perform in the presence of others, I remind the examiner, that I must use a catheter to procure urine.

While, I hope your not amused by my concern, but some 15 million Americans are afflicted with this disorder. I have even learned in a group forum of Paruritcs that the condition dictated the type of job the individual would take, as some are forced to work from their homes only.

A person with this condition (who is by the way suffering enough as it is) does not need to be labeled a possible substance abuser, because of this condition. Look intelligent when presenting my argument raise the issue, ignore the gigglers, and you will perhaps learn of others, who suffer from this condition or someone, who knows someone else who has it. About, 6 years ago I told my GP about this and he related that he suffered this condition in special circumstances like sporting events etc.

Fortunately, we the afflicted now have beginning to have a voice. A highly accomplished professor at the University of Maryland, Dr. Steve Soifer has done the ground breaking research and with the aid of the Internet, he has discovered that this condition exists among people throughout the world. Like any new group we are burdened with growing pains, but shy bladder will become a household word, it will hopefully become a treatable condition. We will also perhaps wake up the sensitivity of the public, who would never laugh at a person in a wheel chair, but would think nothing of making sport of this little known disability.

Respectfully,  
Thomas P. Malloy